

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1080  
By Hackworth

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Mary Lou Murphy upon her induction into the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lou Murphy is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murphy was recently inducted into the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lou Murphy joins the ranks of numerous educators who have been previously inducted into the circle of honor at the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, which is co-sponsored each year by Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) and overseen by a Board of Governors that represents major educational organizations statewide; and

WHEREAS, wholly deserving of this honor, Mary Lou Murphy served with acumen and alacrity for thirty-four years as a public educator in the Oak Ridge School System, including teaching fourth grade at Linden Elementary from 1962 to 1964, fifth and sixth grades at Glenwood Elementary from 1972 to 1985, and sixth grade Reading and Language Arts at Jefferson Middle School from 1985 to 2005; she is now enjoying a well-deserved retirement, having had the distinction of being one of the first teachers to be hired in the Oak Ridge Schools who was actually a product of the Oak Ridge School System herself; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary career in education, Ms. Murphy served as a trusted friend and counselor to her students, mentor to other teachers, and leader in her school

and community; she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who worked assiduously during her career to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as students and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murphy's interest in education extends beyond the classroom, as evidenced by her participation as a thirty-year member of the Philanthropic Education Organization (PEO), which provides millions of dollars each year for scholarships, loans, and grants to assist women in furthering their education; she has held numerous PEO offices over the years and worked tirelessly to help provide the support necessary for many women to obtain an education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murphy also privately tutored many students during her thirty-four years in public education; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lou Murphy truly serves as an inspiration to the educational community of Tennessee, and she epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, Mary Lou Murphy's life of teaching and service should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Mary Lou Murphy for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate her upon being inducted into the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.